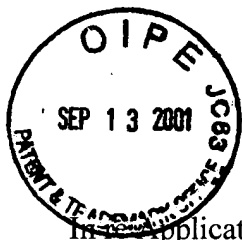


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In re: Application of:

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Filed: June 7, 1999

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§ Group Art Unit: 1644
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§ Examiner: Patrick Nolan
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§ Att'y Docket: 068383.0104
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231


Sir:

This is a Request for

Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
 - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on June 21, 2001.
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Enclosed
 - i. ☐ Amendment/reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other

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2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months

b. ☐ Other

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed)

a. ☐ The director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2508

i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed

c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned should any further action be required for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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